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AIR QUALITY ADVISORY/PRESS RELEASE

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough is issuing an air quality advisory for the Butte and surrounding areas, including Palmer and Wasilla, valid from 5:00 pm, Friday, May 5, 2017, until 9:00 am, Monday, May 8. The National Weather Service is forecasting southeast winds for Palmer sustained above 10 mph, gusting as high as 30 mph by mid-day Saturday. Winds are expected to increase to 15 to 20 mph with gust as high as 35 mph and become more easterly Saturday night. There is potential for wind-blown dust from the Knik Riverbed and other localized sources impacting the Butte, and surrounding areas, including Palmer, and Wasilla, which can result in unhealthy to hazardous air quality.

During times of high wind and dust, children, the elderly, and persons with existing heart or lung disease should stay indoors and reduce physical activity. The general population should avoid vigorous outdoor activity.

Please call the 24-hour Air Quality Alert System phone number, 352-3878, for information on air quality in the eastern Matanuska Valley. This advisory will expire 9:00 am Monday, May 8, 2017, or be updated if conditions change.

If you have any questions, please call the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Division at 861-7833.


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Date